



Christmas 1926

The Christmas Season brings to us a renewed appreciation of old associates and the value of new friends. We are grateful for the pleasant business relationships of the past.

May your Christmas be a Merry one and the New Year bring you an abundance of happiness and prosperity.

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is our wish to
One and All**

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Christmas 1926



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A Merry Christmas
and
Prosperity in
The Coming Year

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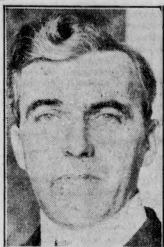


We take this opportunity to thank you for your business during 1926 and extend our heartiest greetings for Christmas.

J. J. PURCELL
General Merchant



**To One and All
The News Staff
Extends Sincerest Greetings
for
A Happy Christmas**



MAJOR ALEX C. LEWIS
He has been appointed Clerk of the Ontario Legislature, succeeding the late A. H. Sydney. Major Lewis is a former member of the House for one of the Toronto seats.

Legislature Date Set

The date for the opening of the Legislature has been set for February 10. It is expected that the session will not last more than six weeks.

Going to Old Country

Hon. H. Greenfield, Commissioner of Colonization for Alberta, will leave for England shortly after the New Year, for the purpose of opening an office for the Alberta Government for the direction of immigration to the province.

Wheat Pool Membership

The membership in the Alberta wheat pool has increased fifty per cent since the fall of 1923, the total number of members now being 38,000 with the total acreage signed up at 3,622,724 acres. The original membership was 25,000.

Alberta Turkeys Popular

Nearly fifty carloads of Alberta turkeys are being shipped out of the province this year for the outside markets. The season has been a particularly encouraging one for the producer, the demand being keen and the prices good. Several community shipments have been made under the auspices of the Provincial Pool.

Plans for Seed Fair

Special plans are being made for the provincial seed fair which is to be held in Edmonton, January 18 to 22. Entries for the fair must reach the field crops commissioner, provincial department of Agriculture, not later than January

Shower for Miss Winnifred Cavell

A shower for Miss Winnifred Cavell, who is shortly to become the bride of Mr. William L. Irvine, was held at the home of Mrs. F. L. Aylesworth last Thursday. Mrs. Aylesworth, Mrs. S. A. Miller, Mrs. C. S. Wright and Mrs. C. L. Dunford were hostesses, and beside the bride-elect, there were about forty guests present.

Entertainment was provided by a flower contest, Mrs. Gillespie winning first prize and Mrs. Swartzlander second prize. Later Santa Claus arrived from the north pole with beautiful presents for the bride-to-be and a small token for each lady present.

Several musical numbers by Miss Peggy Monaghan and Mr. George Nisbet and a delightful lunch were enjoyed by all.

Great European Show Booked For Christmas at Oyen Theatre

"Variety," hailed as the finest film to arrive on these shores from Europe, comes to Oyen Theatre on Friday and Saturday, December 24 and 25. Emil Jennings and Lya de Putti are the featured players.

While Jennings is well known in America for his performances in such pictures as "The Last Laugh" and "Passion," Miss de Putti is not entirely unknown either. Mr. D. W. Griffith, the great director, saw Lya's work in "Variety" and immediately cast her for one of the leading roles in his latest Paramount picture, "The Sorrows of Satan."

E. A. Dupont, known as the "Variety" for the Ufa Company. It is being released by Paramount.

Lady Curlers Organize

The lady curlers held an organization meeting at the home of Mrs. M. G. Whitlock, on Monday evening, when the following officers were elected for the season: President, Mrs. A. Wade; vice-president, Mrs. M. G. Whitlock; secretary, Mrs. R. McLaren.

The club will have six sprints with the following skips: Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. Lees, Mrs. T. Lees, Mrs. Hans Peterson, Mrs. A. Wade and Mrs. M. G. Whitlock.

Curling will be commenced next Tuesday afternoon.

10. Special exhibits of seed grains will be made by the department and others, and an instructive exhibit on seed grain and weeds will be made by the provincial department.



**Volumes of Good Wishes for
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year**

We wish you much
Of Christmas thrill,
And thank you lots
For your good will.

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and the New Year bring you
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Measure of Prosperity

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Oyen Theatre

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24-25

Christmas Special

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"VARIETY"

The great Continental circus picture

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Special feature picture, shown at regular prices

Added: A comedy, a news reel and Fox variety

Grand Dance after show, Christmas Eve

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LON CHANEY, in

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The management extends to One and All
The Compliments of the Season.

Fireside Canoeing

Many Are Now Making Plans for Next Summer's Trip

Now that the streams and lakes are frozen over, canoe and paddles stored in winter quarters, the ever popular sport of "Fireside Canoeing" engages the attention of the ardent paddler. Plans and descriptions of routes are carefully studied and many are the trips for next summer's trip and rejected until finally the "one" trip is decided upon and the mind is bent to its accomplishment.

The western provinces are famous for their fields of waving grain but they also possess many rippling lakes and streams for the canoeist. The region to the north of Lake Winnipeg promises much to the explorer, while from McElroy to The Pas is the route via the Churchill river which traverses Alberta and Saskatchewan to the Manitoba boundary, over seven hundred miles eastward to Port Nelson and Hudson Bay. Another long trip is the one originating at Prince George in British Columbia and following the Peace and the Athabasca to the town of Peace River. This journey of over five hundred miles can be accomplished with the canoe and a few portage trails and a maximum of joyous outdoor activity.

The splendor of the Canadian Rockies is presented on many of the canoe routes in British Columbia. On the Columbia river trips and others, the canoeist sees many interesting and unusual sights, as the game and other features are particularly characteristic of the province. Canoes may be taken where needed, and the canoeist may or may not be chosen as the "Stunt" Captain and take the trip on the "Great Canoe" route—Columbia, Willamette and Vancouver where the paddler of the white man has as yet, rarely been dipped.

Crucial by canoe, the Arctic Circle is an experience vouchsafed to few; still the route from McPherson to Port Vinton, approximately 600 miles, by the Red and Winnipeg rivers, apart from the north of the trip itself, serves to illustrate the variety and variety of canoe routes in the Dominion.

Canoes, paddles, and equipment for enjoying the pleasures of these trips can be secured from reliable outfitters at the starting point or within a reasonable distance. Canoes and experienced guides are also available for the distant canoeist, and the securing of the canoe, paddle and the outfit, serves to initiate the canoeist into the sport.

Maps and Reports. Maps and reports on the various routes may be secured from the National Museum, Intelligence Service, Department of the Interior, Ottawa. Indeed, the above department maintains a service for canoeists, which is in character and competence. A fund of information on camping, canoeing, fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation has been secured from various sources and descriptions and maps have been compiled for the canoe routes mentioned above and many others. These are available for the canoeist seeking information on his next summer's cruise. In his book as to where to go, an inquiry addressed to the Service will bring material for many "Fireside Canoes" that may eventually develop into a real cruise along some of Canada's wonderful lake-and-waterways.

Forget How To Fly

American Eagles in Vienna Zoo Caged Too Long

The only American eagle in Vienna, has forgotten how to fly. Two of them and other members of the family have been kept for years in small cages at the former Imperial Zoo in Schoenbrunn gardens.

Though the birds were favorites of the Hapsburgs, whose emblem was the black double eagle, it remained for the Hapsburgs to neglect to take them and build a large aviary, allowing them more to fly. Baited, condors and vultures entered their new home and flapped their wings weakly and awkwardly, but none was able to take advantage of their liberty. Some of them were born in captivity.

Toronto to Have Big Hotel
Toronto is to have an \$8,000,000 hotel, according to the "Financial Post." It will have a thousand rooms. The venture is promoted by Canadian Investors and a New York syndicate headed by the Equitable Trust Co. and Edmund Seligman & Co. are also backing the first mortgage bonds.

"How's your boy John doing at school?"
"He's doing pretty well with the three R's."

"Really, still and yimble?"
"No, really, really and yimble."

The silent watches of the night must be done we forget to wind.

W. A. U. 1920

Institutional Farm Crops

Those at Saskatchewan Had Largest Harvest in Their History

The institutional farms of the Province of Saskatchewan in the year 1919 harvested the largest crop in their history, states Mr. C. M. Leach, month, superintendent. More attention is paid to the growing of necessary crops and the production of large quantities of wheat. What is a marketable commodity of which very little can be used with the exception of the crop at the Mental Hospital, North Battleford, where it can be milled, the institution uses the flour and the farm the bran and shorts. From this farm a sample of wheat was exhibited at the Chicago International Show and secured fourteenth place, ranking eighth with the exhibit from Saskatchewan.

Altogether there were 324 acres of wheat yielding 5,485 bushels as against 37 acres yielding 5,666 bushels in 1918; 263 acres of oats, yielding 2,735 bushels, as compared with 1,658 acres yielding 22,700 in 1918. A large crop of potatoes, 21,610 bushels, was harvested from 351 acres, as compared with 7,342 bushels from 313 acres in 1918. No hard and fast rule of crops has as yet been laid down for these farms, but the time has come when a system can be followed that will permit the most beneficial at each point and meet the various requirements.

Hear Ancient Ceremony

Looking Tower of London for Night

Millions of radio listeners throughout the British Isles heard from within the walls of the grim old Tower of London the ceremony of the keys—a ceremony which has been performed nightly for well-nigh 700 years.

The ceremony is the formal locking of the fortress until the morning. Prisoners of high birth—men and women—were taken to the fortress with the key and the executioner and his axe on Tower Green, heard it in the days of the Henrys and of "Bloody Mary."

This ancient ceremony was heard by listeners in around fireplaces from Reykjavik to the Orkneys. In order to secure adequate reception, six microphones were especially installed at the tower.

Judging Prize Grain

Only That Which Is Valuable for Feeding Purposes

In judging prize grain the judges keep constantly in mind those factors which are of value to the grower in making grain of great value for feeding purposes. He must have in mind a clear-cut definition of what good seed grain really is. This may be defined as grain which is free from seeds of weeds as well as other kinds and varieties of cultivated grains, and from all insect matter. It should be bright, free from moisture of reasonably good color, plump and uniform in size; it should be free from damage due to severe threshing or other causes, and it should show signs of disease.

Artificial Light For Plant Growth

Flowers and Vegetables Grow at Twice Ordinary Rate by Artificial Light

Artificial light is used to grow flowers and vegetables at twice the ordinary rate of growth. R. L. Zahner, a horticulturist, has demonstrated to delegates attending the New Jersey State Horticultural society convention at Atlantic City.

"Of course," Zahner added, "plants require a rest period, just as men and animals." He advises artificial light be supplied for only a few hours each night—five hours was suggested.

Rivals For World Radio Trade

The United States and Great Britain, mainly the two most important radio equipment producers, are at it all right now for radio world trade supremacy. United States radio exports during 1925 totalled \$9,902,552, while the British exports were valued at \$4,648,552. The principal markets of the United States were, edify enough, Canada, Latin America and Asia. The United Kingdom led in sales to Europe, Oceania, and Africa.

How Christmas Tree Originated

The Christmas tree, which has become an almost universal symbol, and is by most persons supposed to have originated in Germany, seems to have had something of a counterpart in Egypt at a period long before the Christian Era. The palm-tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a tree of this tree, with twelve shoots on it, was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice, as a symbol of the year's completion.

The inside of the stomach has been successfully photographed for the first time by a German doctor.

Biographers Confused Brothers

Prevailing Impression of Edgar Allan Poe is False

A false impression of the life of Edgar Allan Poe prevails in the United States, the result of biographers confusing his life with that of a little known brother. It is contended by Harvey Allen and Thomas Oliver Mahabiet in a biography of William Henry Leonard Poe, the brother, to be published soon.

Henry Poe, as the authors call him, was born in Boston in 1807. He died in 1831. He was Edgar's elder by two years. The authors do not find Poe in the general character of the brothers due to alleged composite pictures in previous biographers' writings, for they assert the brothers were much alike, but they perceive a confusion of the brothers' experiences.

"Henry," they say, "is known to have been rather wild, to have early developed the fondness for drink, to have been of female society, and to have died young. That must also have possessed a considerable charm, not a little talent, a somewhat precocious development and a vivid imagination—what little we have from his immature pen seems clearly to indicate."

Even Henry's physical appearance was another when it comes to be followed that will permit the most beneficial at each point and meet the various requirements.

Cannot Save Much

American Family Has Annual Income of \$1,513

The average American family has an income of \$1,513 annually, and it takes all but \$78 of that amount to support it. Mrs. S. S. Lindman, a survey of 37,000 typical homes revealing that the average family of 4.85 persons required an annual budget of \$1,512.

Placing the Blame—Professor, "And I make myself plain?"
"Pish—No, God did that."

It is sometimes easier to keep out of the national harness than it is to get out.

Discovery Of Lake Winnipeg

First Reference to This Body of Water Was Made in Year 1660

When did white men first hear of the existence of Lake Winnipeg? Who was the first white man to describe it, and who the first to gaze upon its expanse of waters?

According to the Geographic Board of Canada, Europeans learned of the existence of the lake about one hundred years before the date on which it is known a white man visited it. The lake became known to the Jesuit missionaries from the reports of roving Indians belonging to tribes living upon its shores. In the report sent back to France of the happenings of the year 1660, there is a reference to the "Ouinipouit" or "dirty people," so called because the word "Ouinipouit" was the name of the unknown sea from the shores of which they came, meant "dirty water." The term "dirty water" is generally known to refer to the turbid appearance of the lake after a storm.

The first person to give a correct description of the lake is the Canadian-born Nicolas Jeremie, who spent twenty years at York Factory on Hudson Bay and published, at Amsterdam, in 1720, an account of his experiences. Jeremie never ventured inland from the bay, but his left excellent descriptions of the Nelson, Hayes, and Churchill rivers and their tributaries. Lake Winnipeg he refers to as "Mikichipi" or "the water," because it is the largest and deepest of the lakes of that chain. Jeremie also refers to Lake Winnipegosis, calling it "Ouinipouit." "Mikichipi" is the name of the lake.

The first white man actually known to have visited lake Winnipeg was 1773, when James W. Clarke, a Britisher in the Verendrye, who in 1731 founded Fort Macquarie on the right bank of Winnipeg river near its mouth in Lake Winnipeg.

Predicts Cold Winter

Herbert Jennings Brown, long ranger weather bureau, predicts that this winter will be one of the most severe ever experienced on the North American continent and that next summer will be the warmest since year of 1516. His predictions were based on solar radiation and the difference between the heat absorbed by ocean currents, he explained.

Did Not Recognize Princess

Fairy Book Description Not Lived Up to by Irene of Prussia

Princesses do not always bear a royal aspect, particularly to children eyes. Princess Irene of Russia found this out in an amusing experience while attending a meeting at Kiel, of the Paderborn Women's Club, of which she is president.

Little Hansel and Gretel, a pretty four-year-old daughter of a school teacher, was selected to present a bunch of roses to the royal visitor. But when the blue-eyed, golden-haired maid tripped over to the Princess to make the presentation she assumed the company exclaiming: "You are no Princess," and walked back across the room with the roses still in her hand. "I thought Princesses always wore a crown and an ermine robe; all my fairy-tale books say so," the disillusioned maid murmured after she had finally been persuaded Irene was a sure enough Princess and had handed over the bouquet to the guest of honor.

Turkish Tobacco Grown in Alberta

Good to Be Better Quality Than Grown in Turkey or Greece

Turkish tobacco, grown in Alberta, is better than that grown in Turkey or Greece, according to a Mr. Baker, of Edmonton, who grew 1,000 pounds as an experiment this season. He planted three-quarters of an acre to ten varieties of tobacco. The crop was harvested five weeks before the coming of frost, and of the ten varieties, Turkish, White Turkey and Orizotto thrived best. Next year Mr. Baker plans to lay out eight acres to the fragrant plant.

Alberta Wheat Acreage

The area sown to wheat in Alberta has increased more than 1,000,000 acres in the last five years, according to the Provincial Department of Agriculture. "Wheat acreage amounted to 6,654,000 in 1924," says the bulletin, "compared with 4,855,261 in 1921. Yield of wheat rose from 52,540 bushels in 1921 to 112,466,000 bushels this year. The higher production is due to the influx of new settlers, mainly."

American films will be barred from Italy if plans of a recent motion picture merger carry. Only films of Italian manufacture will be shown.

Splendid Work Of Red Cross Society

Carried on to Quaint Extent is Not Realized

One of the finest international organizations of the world, an organization which in spite of its title carries on its work with as little show and publicity that its extent is not generally realized, is the Red Cross, the splendid work of which is being brought before the public by the reports of the Central Council of the Canadian Society, which held its semi-annual meeting in Toronto recently.

Much of man's progress mentally, spiritually and commercially, is dependent on a sound physique and good health, a fact which is recognized in this organization. Its work in war time has placed it in the annals of heroic history, but no less magnificent is the story of its achievements and its purposes in times of peace.

It was first established in 1867, to look after the sick and wounded on battlefields, the society is now recognized as one of the greatest organizations in existence working for the prevention of disease and the comfort of ex-servicemen and all who need assistance. The Red Cross Society is now recognized as the organ of the League of Nations, said Major Davis, Article XXV, of which reads as follows: "The members of the League agree to encourage and promote the establishment and co-operation of their authorized voluntary Red Cross organizations having as purposes the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world."

Canadian Tree Seeds

Seeds From British Columbia Are Sent to Great Britain and New Zealand

One of the most interesting activities of the Forest Service, Department of the Interior, Canada, is the collection and distribution of tree seeds. Four special seed-collection plants now operate in the western provinces for the purpose of securing seeds from the cones of coniferous trees. During the winter of 1925-26 these four plants collected twenty-five hundredweight of seeds. The seeds are sent to the United States for the purpose of securing seeds from the cones of coniferous trees. During the winter of 1925-26 these four plants collected twenty-five hundredweight of seeds. The seeds are sent to the United States for the purpose of securing seeds from the cones of coniferous trees.

In the latter connection it is interesting to note that the New Zealand Forest Service has received a Canadian seedling which was received by a Canadian who received his forestry training in Canada.

Shallow And Deep Ploughing

Gives as Large a Yield of Cuts as Deep Ploughing

Shallow ploughing during four years at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, has given as large a yield of corn and oats as has deep ploughing. It is not, however, necessary to plough deep. The Dominion Field Husbandman in his annual report for 1925, to do good ploughing, to turn all the land and to cut and cover all the weeds. A table in the report shows that at four inches deep on light soil the yield of corn after over averaged 21.71 tons and of oats after over 60.2 bushels per acre. At seven inches depth the yield of corn was 21.45 tons and of oats 65.4 bushels. Last year was especially good for oats after the, the yield at four inches was 65.5 bushels and at seven inches 73.5 bushels.

Burbank's Birthday Greeting

The very beautiful greeting which the late Luther Burbank sent to his friends on his last birthday has been published in nearly all newspapers published in the English language. It reads as follows: "As you look lovingly towards every person, animal, and even towards plants, stones, oceans, rivers and hills, and as you are helpful and of service to the world, so you will find yourself growing more, happy each day, and with the happiness comes health and everything you want."

Turn Plough to Useful Purpose

The severe plagues of locusts that swept farms in Argentina for several years past have been converted to a useful purpose—fertilizer. A British firm recently advised Argentina that it could use the locusts to purchase large quantities of the locusts to use as fertilizer. It is claimed the bodies of locusts contained a high percentage of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash.

"Has he ever been on Government work before?" the manager asked the friend of the jobseeker.

"Very nearly," was the reply.

"What do you mean by very nearly?"

"Well, you see, there wasn't quite enough evidence to convict him."



The New Dunblane Bridge which spans the South Saskatchewan River near Dunblane, Sask., has been completed and was officially opened on November 15th. The event was one of the most notable in the history of the province and was celebrated by more than one thousand business men from the cities of Regina, Moose Jaw, and Saskatoon. In the upper corner the Hon. Mr. J. H. Brown, Minister of the Interior, is seen with other officials.

The picture is a view of the bridge, which forms the lower deck. In the lower right hand corner Sir Henry Thornton is seen cutting the ribbon. He is surrounded by a large number of officials and guests. The bridge is a concrete and steel structure, spanning the South Saskatchewan River.

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HONORED BY FRANCE
Dr. J. A. Anyot, Deputy Minister of the Public Health for Canada, who has been created a Chevalier in the Legion of Honor of the French Republic in recognition of the services he rendered to the Allies during the Great War.

Somme Chapter No. 35 Order of the Eastern Star Celebrates 7th Anniversary

The local chapter of the Eastern Star, met last night and celebrated their 7th anniversary. Following the initiation of 4 new members, Mrs. T. Thompson who is leaving Oyen soon, was presented with an Eastern Star pin.

A banquet was then served and one of the features of this event was a fine birthday cake with seven candles.

Each member brought a birthday bag containing as many pennies as they were years old and as some of the members (expecting to live to be a hundred) paid in advance, the coffers of the Chapter were made considerably richer.

2nd Community Luncheon

The second community luncheon was held in the Alberta Hotel dining room last Saturday, when between sixty and seventy guests were present.

Following the luncheon, the committee's report for the day was submitted by Mr. R. Cates. This was followed by an address by Mr. Lorae Proudfoot, M.L.A., who was the guest of honor.

Mr. Proudfoot believed that a community organization, such as outlined in Mr. Cates' report could do much real good for the district. He was satisfied that conditions were not as bad as some would paint them, and the faults of the districts were largely in the minds of those who persisted in expressing dissatisfaction. It was the same land, and similar conditions prevailed, as in former years, when everyone was enthusiastic about the country.

He then gave some interesting statistics, showing that this constituency, fell very little below the average for the entire province in wheat production, and it was generally a very high grade.

Following Mr. Proudfoot's address, the committee's report on a constitution was read and tabled till the next meeting.

Dr. H. C. Swartzlander was elected president, Mr. R. Cates, vice-president, and Mr. J. J. Kelly, secretary.

The next luncheon will be held on Saturday, January 15, when Mr. Robert Gardiner, M.P., will be the guest of honor.

Mr. Arch'd Johnston left last Sunday on a business visit to Stettler. He expects to return on Thursday.

The very pleasing manner of the Bank Staff for the past few days may be accounted for by the fact that Santa Claus arrived this week, according to "judge" Goldsmith.

The Oyen Young People's Club, held a very enjoyable evening on Friday, December 17, in the Masonic Hall. It was proposed by Mr. Goldsmith that a Play be put on by the young people in the near future and the people of Oyen have something to look forward to early in the New Year.

Mr. C. Ruddle of the Bank of Toronto Staff is spending Christmas with his parents in Saskatoon.

Mr. F. C. Bliss has tendered his resignation as manager of the local telephone exchange. His successor Miss Cassie Love, will take charge January 1.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE—One young registered Yorkshire sow and seven Piquette Rock roosters. Apply: E. H. Church, Oyen, Alta. Phone 1241.

FOR SALE—The M.D. of Bertauva, No. 271, has for sale 1000 cut sheaves stacked on the West side of 122nd West of 4. Tenders for same will be received up to January 8, 1927. W. Linklater, Sec-Treas, Sibbald, Alta.

FOR SERVICE—Registered Holstein bull and Berkshire boar. Terms \$2 each, payable at time of service. A few Barred Rock roosters for sale at \$2.00 each. Apply: D. Macdon, 11-20 1/2 Phone 1013, Oyen, Alta.

LOST—my stayed from my place. M. V. 3-575 on Saturday, December 11, one Shorthorn roan cow. Finder please advise Dr. J. P. Kerr, Oyen at once. Who for purpose of identification has photo of cow. C. W. Halstead, Oyen.

STRAYED—On the premises of the undersigned, one large red cow and one red yearling bull. Jean A. McArthur, Oyen, N.W. 284.

FOR RENT—It is desired furnished house and garage, etc. Ring avenue east. Applicant once at office of Oyen News.

In Lighter Vein

One On Sandy, What?

A gentleman, laden with travelling bags, was endeavoring to make a dignified exit from a crowded railway carriage. At the door he stumbled on the pet corn of a brewer's Scotchman.

"Hoot, mon, hoot!" said the Scot. "Canna ye look whan'er ye're goin'? Hoot!"

After alighting in safety, the overburdened traveller returned: "Hoot yourself. I'm a traveller, not a motor car."

A Scotchman visiting America was asked what he thought of prohibition.

"Well," he said, "it's better than no liquor at all!"

Mr. Jones was sitting down to breakfast one morning when he was astounded to see in the paper an announcement of his own death.

He rang up friend Smith at once.

"Halloo, Smith," he said. "Have you seen the announce-

ment of my death in the paper?"

"Yes," replied Smith. "Where are you speaking from?"

A Highland minister came to a lonely house on the margin of his parish to baptize the child of a shepherd who lived there.

"Are ye prepared?" he asked.

"Aye," said the shepherd. "I got a grand hain, ye ken, for dinner."

"No, No," said the minister. "I mean spiritually prepared!"

"Aye, aye, meenister. I got a quart frae the inn."

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for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



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we wish you joy at this Christmas-
time and happiness and content-
ment in the days to come

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Christmas 1926

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An Historic Conference

The Imperial Conference, which opened its deliberations in London, marked the passing of another milestone in the history of the British Empire. In the importance of the conclusions unanimously arrived at the Conference is rightly regarded as a most momentous event in Empire relations and in the development of constitutional self-government for the Overseas Dominions, and second only to that other historic occasion when the Dominions were admitted to the League of Nations on terms of equality with Great Britain and all foreign nations.

The Conference decisions, in some respects, even over-ride in importance the entry of the Dominions into the League of Nations. The decisions reached are necessary to give full effect to the position of the Dominions as members of the League.

In some quarters there is a tendency to unduly magnify the meaning and effect of the Conference decisions and to create the impression that it is a very pronounced step in the direction of complete independence of the Dominions and the British Empire. It has been suggested that the tendency is to belittle and minimize the work of the Conference as having, in effect, changed nothing. The true situation is to be found between these two extremes.

In numerous instances the Conference has merely given official recognition to policies and methods of procedure which have been followed in recent years as the self-governing powers of the Dominions have been developed from time to time, and as former methods have become obsolete. In other instances radical departures from past practice and procedure have been made, and difficulties removed so as to enable the Dominions to exercise rights and powers which they claimed, thus removing possibilities of misunderstanding and friction in the future.

The main achievement of the Conference has been in the direction of clarifying the relationship which the Dominions bear to each other and to Great Britain. In other words, a clear understanding has been reached on matters of vital domestic concern to the Empire. It has been definitely set down in black and white that, so far as the Empire itself is concerned, each self-governing unit occupies a position of equality with any and all other units. Absolute equality of status is established and Canada and the other Dominions now occupy exactly the same position within the Empire as does Great Britain itself. All recognize and render allegiance to the King.

A change is, therefore, made in the position occupied by the Governor-General. Heretofore the Governor-General has been not only the representative of His Majesty but also the agent of the British Government. In future he will be His Majesty's representative only, and will occupy the same position in relation to the administration of public affairs in the Dominion as is held by the King in Great Britain, but it is not a representative or agent of the Government of Great Britain. Formerly all communications between the Dominion Government and the British Government had to pass through the Governor-General. Hereafter the Dominion Government can now enter into a treaty with Great Britain or with a foreign nation in the name of the Crown without the Government of Great Britain or of other Dominions being parties to it. Dominion plenipotentiaries for the negotiation and signing of treaties will do so under powers issued by the King on the advice of the Government concerned, rather than on the advice of the Government of Great Britain as has been the case in the past.

The right of the Dominions to appoint ambassadors or ministers to foreign governments is clearly established, and it is foreseen that the Dominions will maintain their ministers in London while the Government of Great Britain will send representatives to the Dominions just as it does to foreign nations.

The right of the Dominions to participate or refrain from participating in wars in which Great Britain may become involved is recognized. It remains to be seen, however, whether other nations will accept or recognize this purely domestic arrangement. Full autonomy in all things and absolute equality of status is established as between Empire, but whether the international status of the Dominions will be altered is another matter. Nations go to war in the name of their ruler, whether King or President, and if the King of Great Britain is at war it is open to question whether he is at war on account of only a portion of his dominions or of all of them. The enemy might refuse to recognize a grievous war. Therefore, while Great Britain is at war, Canada may also be at war even though she might be averse to it.

The consensus of the best thought throughout the world is that the decisions of the Imperial Conference have given greater solidarity and unity to the whole Empire; that the loyalty of the component parts is stronger than ever and a still greater factor in determining the peace and progress of all mankind.

A Powerful Searchlight

Forty miles Away Newspaper Can Be Read by Its Light

A two-million candle-power searchlight, the largest in the world, with an intensity eight times as great as all the lights on New York City's Great White Way, was shown to the public recently at the Electrical and Industrial Exposition in the Grand Central Palace, New York. So powerful is this searchlight that a man forty miles away could see to read newspapers by it, and thus operating the light can clearly discern objects at a distance of five or six miles.

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May Open Calgary Stampede

Prince of Wales Will Be Asked to Officiate at Annual Event

The Prince of Wales will be asked to officiate at the opening of the Calgary Stampede July 5 next year. Word has been received that His Royal Highness will likely attend the third annual jubilee in Ottawa July 1, and it is expected he will make a prolonged stay at his ranch near High River, Alta.

In England last year Mayor Webb asked the Prince of Wales to open the Stampede that was held last summer, but, while the Prince could not do so then, he said he would be glad to if he was in Canada on Stampede dates in 1927.

High Price for Wheat

The Nebraska-Wheat Grower pools out that during September wheat sold higher in Winnipeg than in Minneapolis, despite the fact of 45 cents a bushel against Canadian wheat exported to the United States. The wheat grower gives the Canadian Pool credit for the higher price in Canada.

A bad man is far less dangerous than a cunning one.

Despair is the blighted fruit of hope.

Royalty Attends Oxford

At Auckland University

Three royal families are represented at Oxford this year. Leading the list is His Imperial Highness the Duke of York, the son of the Emperor of Japan. The prince occupies rooms in the Clarendon, near the Clarendon, the Prince of Wales is an undergraduate. He is studying history and economics under college tutors.

Less air was caused by the arrival of the other two royal students, as they are both returning to Oxford after previous study. One is H. R. Prince of Wales, Crown Prince of Spain, who is a student at Christ Church, and the other is the Duke of York, the Duke of York, in Arabia, who is now studying in Balliol College. Both are taking the regular courses.

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Wine 1000 Years Old

The oldest vintage in the world is on exhibit here in the Spectator Building—wine museum. The wine is in an old Roman flask which was dug up recently. It is 1400 years old. Part of the collection is in the Spectator Building. The wine is in an old Roman flask which was dug up recently. It is 1400 years old. Part of the collection is in the Spectator Building. The wine is in an old Roman flask which was dug up recently. It is 1400 years old. Part of the collection is in the Spectator Building.

THE TRIALS OF MIDDLE AGE

Much of the Suffering Women Endure Can Be Avoided

Proper woman approaching middle age with considerable anxiety, because she knows this is the time of her life when physical changes are taking place. The first signs of trials and sufferings to come are the changes in the back, backache, lassitude and other ailments which are the result of the changes. Much of the anxiety and suffering that women endure approaching middle age can be avoided. This has been proved by the fact that many women who have lived at this time of their lives in perfect health and happiness. The health of the woman is the key to the middle age. The health of the woman is the key to the middle age. The health of the woman is the key to the middle age.

Has Splendid Chance To Develop Aviation

Greater Opportunity in Canada Than in England Says Colham

"There is greater opportunity for the development of aviation throughout the Dominion than there ever will be in the home country for the simple reason that whereas in England, we are handicapped with short distances, here we have the advantage of the necessity of flying, while in the Dominion we have vast distances to be covered. The necessity of flying is an opportunity of proving that flying is the quickest means of transport."

It is the prediction of Sir Alan Colham, famous British aviator, who has arrived in Canada where he will deliver lectures.

"The next hope of the development of civil aviation in England and Scotland," he said, "is the private owner who uses his aeroplane chiefly for the pleasure of flying from one place to another and visiting his friends."

The time is not far distant when the quickest and cheapest way to get from most points in the Dominion will be by air."

Many people are almost crippled with corns. But it is needless suffering which can be speedily ended with Holloway's Corn Remover.

Crossing "The Rubicon"

Origin of Phases Dates Back to Caesar's Time

When, after long deliberation, we take a decided step, we often say we have "crossed the Rubicon." In other words, we have committed ourselves irrevocably to a certain definite course of action.

The Rubicon was the small river which in Julius Caesar's day marked the boundary between ancient Italy, the heart of the Roman dominions, and Cisalpine Gaul. When Caesar crossed it irrevocably he became an invader, an act which determined his future career.

The Briton does best with his back to the wall. When he is made to try he is fully hard to beat.

Mad Nero owned a radio it would have saved him a lot of fiddling while Rome was burning.

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Relinquishes Honor To Illinois Professor

Scientist Discovered New Chemical But Refused to Announce It

The new chemical element G, named Illinium, discovered by three University of Illinois instructors last year, was found two years ago by Dr. Luigi Rolla, of the Chemical Institute of Florence, Italy, but he failed to announce it to the world.

Dr. Rolla's discovery was accepted by the Congress of Scientists which met at Bologna, Italy. He named his discovery Illinium in honor of his city, while Professor H. Smith Hopp, of the University of Illinois, named his discovery Illinium in honor of the University and the state.

Dr. Rolla now has agreed to relinquish all claims to its original discovery. Dr. Hopkins and Dr. Rolla met at a convention of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry at Washington University recently and reached an agreement on the original claim. The two scientists had worked independently, each unaware of the others' investigations.

Salvaging Old Inscriptions

Would Take Years to Complete Work in Egypt

"Inscription Salvage" is the latest task of the archeologist, delving into Egyptian ruins.

Unless the inscriptions on the walls of the age-old buildings along the Nile are immediately reproduced and recorded they will be lost forever, as the ancient walls are fast crumbling away, says a report by James H. Breasted, Egyptologist and director of the Oriental Institute of Chicago, to the Archeological Society of Washington.

A process of recording the inscriptions on the walls of the Medinet Habu Temple at Luxor is being completed by the British Museum. The process involves the use of cameras, draughtsmen and typographers, the latter to translate the inscriptions. To complete and publish the records of this temple will take at least two or three years, Dr. Breasted said, while to record all of the inscriptions of Egypt's great temples would probably require the work of another entire generation.

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Anti-Catholic Lies Repealed

House of Lords Efface Laws Nearly 400 Years Old

Sweeping repeal of anti-Catholic laws, some of them nearly 400 years old, was approved by the house of commons when that body, without recording the vote, passed the omnibus bill.

One of the few remaining anti-Catholic laws which will stand will be that prohibiting Catholics from holding the position of lord chancellor, the highest judicial post in the country.

Soviet Plan Air Line

Soviet Government actually have worked out a plan to establish an air line between Leningrad and Vladivostok.

They have decided to build a line in length will be used, and it is expected they will make the trip inside of three days. The line later will be extended to Yokohama and also will touch some of the large Western European cities.

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Balfour On The New Empire

Self-Governing Populations United by Something Greater Than Control

Lord Balfour, who presided over the imperial conference which drafted the imperial declaration on inter-imperial relations, stated in a speech delivered recently in London that he had heard it said that this declaration contained nothing new. It was true that nothing new had been introduced into the constitution of the empire, but there was a new statement of the moral basis on which the constitutional fabric rested. The new thing was not that there was no control of the dominions by the Mother Country. The new truth was that the self-governing portions of the empire now regarded themselves as elements in a great unity which did not rest on control, but did depend on common beliefs and common beliefs.

Lord Balfour said that he was now very hard for people to accept the idea that a great empire could exist without control. In all other nations there was control. It might even be said that we were an empire of some absolute monarch or some ambitious adventurer, but there was always control. For the first time we had no more subliminal than control, and which was as far as we could go without being ultimately effective.

Lord Balfour continued that when he was young it was generally thought that as the dominions grew to maturity they would separate themselves from the Mother Country and become wholly independent, but that which found favor at the imperial conference was a totally different kind. The Empire did not rest with maturity of the great communities to which it given birth; it began there. It was only now very hard for people to accept the idea that a great empire could get to be what it was predestined to be. It was only now that in the most explicit terms, it was borne in upon every citizen of free countries of the Empire that it was their business to manage their affairs as they pleased, but that they must never forget they were parts of a greater whole, with ideals to which all that whole was committed, and to which in turn they owed, as was sure they would be ready to pay, free service whenever the great world necessarily should arise.

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Transference of Photographs And Pictures By Radio Confidently Predicted In The Near Future

The recent report made by W. H. Carson, United States Commissioner of Navigation, to Secretary of Commerce Hoover clearly indicates that the time is not far distant when radiotelegraph communication will be as general as and in some respects far more efficient than the present telegraphic code. At any rate, the new invention will have certain advantages of time-saving and identification that the older system does not possess. Tests made under a wide scale are said to be of most encouraging character, and the American official confidently predicts that the transference of photographs and pictures by radio will, in due course, follow upon the coded communication already in vogue, says the *Radio Leader*.

The United States Express Company has adopted the plan of transferring check values by means of a radio code consisting of a series of dots and dashes, and the company between New York and London, San Francisco and Hawaii, the dispatch of commercial "photograms" is now in successful operation. It is expected that a good beginning. Its promise and possibilities are enhanced by the cumulative experience of the wireless telegraph, and its connection with international communication, and just as the message of wireless has penetrated the remotest of seas and lands, so the Arctic spaces, just as it is an accomplished fact for ships at sea to keep in radio converse with each other, so the radio code, wherever it is put, where they started, so in the future the world may expect "television," or transfer of pictures, to be carried out by radio. The wireless instrument now rapidly converting the whole globe into something of a telephone.

This is further evidenced by a recent dispatch from Kjøbenhavn, Norway, announcing that Herman Peter, an expert on radiotelegraph, has demonstrated a new invention whereby transmission of radio pictures—prisms and photos—can be made from a distance. The device mentioned is so simple as it is declared successful, a crystal set, an oscillator, a vacuum tube, working on photos of normal size at the rate of three thousand "points" per second, and also enabling the receiver to receive pictures of the same size. The most important advantage, the price of this cinematographic machine is within reach of the amateur at a hundred dollars. As yet, of course, the value was put to larger use, is subject to the same conditions, and the state as it interferes with its work in any other branch of its multi-form services, and will only improve as further experiments improve the general character. Yet the prospect of being some day able to "phone" or "wireless" a distant picture, or "television" is a distinct possibility, and the radio station by touching the button, being able to conjure up his image after the mode of some private film display, is itself, in itself, a great thing. This is an age of unprecedented ingenuity when our marvels tread swiftly upon the heels of another and another, and the world is being regarded as a "quicker pace." "Television" is another mark from that fatuous intelligence which may pass for wisdom, as holding out greater rewards—another less opening out a new world to the gaze of mankind.

An Aged Senator

The Canadian senator near eastern, Hon. G. C. Desautels, of St. John's, took his seat in the red chamber when it convened for the session. Hon. Desautels will be one hundred years old on September 29 next, and in excellent health. He expects to attend regularly throughout the session. He was appointed to the senate in 1907.

Definition of Matrimony

Smith was congratulating Jones on the occasion of his silver wedding. When Jones inquired if Smith ever heard what the schoolboy once said about marriage, Smith had not. "I explained Jones," the speaker was asked by his teacher to explain the word "matrimony." "Please, matrim," was the reply, "I never said matrimony said a word—it's a sentence."

Few Good Quality

A prize of \$1,000 has been offered the first boy or girl who successfully flies an airplane from San Francisco to Boston. The American Society for the Promotion of Aviation, of New York City, is making the offer. It is necessary for participants to have licenses.

A man may be able to trade his horse for money, but he can't trade back.

Lesson For Bee Keepers

Consistent One, Hard to Learn, is "Wintering"

There would appear to be some lessons in beekeeping that are very difficult to learn and the failure of many in this country is due to their lack of learning them in the early stages of the industry. Canada large sums of money every year, says an *Expert* on the subject. One of the most important and most costly lessons is the one on "wintering." During the winter in a large number of colonies died in eastern Canada through lack of proper preparation for the winter. In addition, many more were seriously weakened from the same cause. Occasionally there comes a winter that is very severe on bee life and unless the bees are thoroughly prepared for such a winter, the loss will be heavy. As there is no means of forecasting just what a winter is going to be like, the only alternative is to be well prepared for the worst. If we wish to pay safe, is to prepare the bees each fall so that they may survive the hardest winter. We have also learned that wintering is the safest food for bees during the winter months. Hundreds of colonies last year with anywhere from forty to sixty pounds of late-harvested honey stored to death before spring because this winter granted solid in Canada. Another lesson of the past season is that in a lean year, such as was experienced in eastern Canada in 1924, only strong colonies of bees can survive. A strong colony of bees in November last year, and 2.55 feet above the low-water mark of 1911. The average for ten years was 1.16 feet below last year's level. The lake level, compared with last year, were at the low mark.

Records at Ottawa show that the level of the lakes and the St. Lawrence between Montreal and Quebec was about 1.75 feet higher in November last year, and 2.55 feet above the low-water mark of 1911. The average for ten years was 1.16 feet below last year's level. The lake level, compared with last year, were at the low mark.

Superior, 1.55 feet higher; Huron, 49 feet higher; Erie, 1.12 feet higher; Ontario, 1.57 feet higher.

The increased activity to check the theft of water by Chicago from the lakes, was due to the cycle of low water through which the lakes have been passing. The theft, it is course, more serious in times of low water.

Width Of Ploughing

Yield is as Great and More Economical to Plough Wide Furrows

Comparisons that have been made for four years at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, between narrow and wide ploughing—that is between 8 inches and 16 inches, have shown that the latter gives as large a yield as the former. With furrows 16 inches in width the yield of corn averaged 22.71 tons and of oats also after 1915 years. At 16 inches the yield of corn has averaged 21.70 tons and of oats 16.5 tons. Draining his conclusions the Dominion Field Experiment Station in 1925 reports that inasmuch as the wider furrows usually make possible the ploughing of a larger acreage per day, it will be observed that it is more economical than ploughing narrow furrows.

More Homesteads Taken Up

Considerable Increase is Shown Over Figures of Previous Year

Fillings on Government homesteads in Western Canada for the first ten months of the present year show a marked increase over the same period of 1925. In Manitoba 814 farms were recorded against 619 in 1925; in Saskatchewan 1,551; in Alberta 1,524 against 1,151, and in British Columbia 116 against 105, making a total for Western Canada of 3,005, compared with 2,122 in 1925.

Pictures before daily means that they will lose out.

Nearly half of all the ships being built in the world are motor vessels.

Manufacturing Industry Moving Toward West

Statistics Show Gain in Prairie Provinces Says J. E. Walsh

The manufacturing industry in Canada is slowly moving from the East to the West, in the opinion of J. E. Walsh, general manager of the Canadian Manufacturers' association. Toronto, who recently completed a survey of the industries in the prairie provinces.

Quoting statistics, Mr. Walsh said that Manitoba had 43 factories in 1910, with a turnover of \$53,000,000. In 1924, this had increased to 768 factories and a turnover of more than \$102,000,000. The other western provinces, he said, had shown corresponding gains.

"It shows that industry is moving West. We are in fact having the same experience here as they had in the United States.

"If we stop dwelling over sectional differences or supposed industrial difficulties and use the energy thus released in establishing our own production, our population will increase, new capital will be attracted and grievances will ultimately disappear. We have a great plant in the west, and we must develop these resources if we are to have no fear as to the future," Mr. Walsh concluded.

The "Produced in Canada" campaign was being carried on in Manitoba by the Industrial Development Board, in Alberta and Saskatchewan by the local C.M.A. office, in Ontario and Quebec by a government committee with farmers' manufacturers equally represented in the maritime provinces by the boards of trade and the agricultural societies in cooperation.

Women's organizations," Mr. Walsh said, "have generally taken up the work and are contributing more than anything else to the success of this campaign."

"The importance of this work cannot be estimated," he added. "The produce of Canadian farms, fisheries, forests and factories, will bear comparison with that of any other country in the world. When we buy home products we really give employment to our own people, thus providing them with the means of their own livelihood and their families."

Referring especially to the Canadian Manufacturers' association, Mr. Walsh said that its membership had grown in the prairie provinces from 259 members in 1916 to more than 1,000 at present.

Alberta Sugar Refinery

\$150,000 Paid to Farmers This Year For Beets

Canadian Sugar Refinery, Ltd., operating a \$1,000,000 refinery at Lethbridge, has paid the sum of \$150,000 to farmers for beets, \$20,000 for labor at the factory and \$30,000 for materials such as coal and lime. Beet deliveries have run to 25,500 tons, beating last year's record by a good margin. A new product of the plant, being called "beet pulp," is on the market, and 12,000 tons of pulp will be available for livestock this winter.

New that airplanes are landed with parachutes, maybe somebody can devise a dragachair for automobiles to use on approaching railway crossings.

A debating club for bachelors has been started in New York. But why should a bachelor have to learn to debate?

Objects Recovered In Arctic Last Year Believed To Be Relics Of Ill-Fated Franklin Expedition

"Start on tomorrow, 26th, for Back's Fish River." This, the commander sent in a record dated 25th April, 1848, and signed by Captain F. R. M. Crozier, of L.M.S. Terror, and Captain James FitzJames, of L.M.S. Erebus. It was the first received by the outside world from the gallant but ill-fated Franklin expedition. Though the message was written twenty-eight years ago, and was recovered in 1859, it has a direct bearing on events in the Canadian Arctic in 1925. In that during this year further relics believed to be of the Franklin expedition were recovered in the district and along the very line of travel that the above record indicated.

To explain the finds and their significance it will be necessary to review the salient facts of the Franklin expedition. Sir John Franklin, an experienced Arctic navigator, headed an expedition which sailed from England in 1845 in two ships, the Erebus and Terror, with the object of discovering a route to the North Pole. The expedition was successful. In 1850 Captain William Penny located the site of Franklin's first winter quarters on Beechey Island. In 1854 Dr. John Rae learned from natives that a party of white men had been seen travelling over the ice near King William Island; and in 1855 Captain McClure found many relics, including Captain Crozier's record, already referred to, reporting the fate of Franklin, the abandonment of the two ships in the ice to the west and north of King William Island, and indicating the attempt of the 145 survivors to make their way south.

Of recent years, little additional information about Franklin had been heard but during the summer of 1925, Peter Norberg, a trader, picked up a skull, pieces of blue velvet, pieces of ivory and a fragment of an old lead runner, at Starvation Cove, on Adelaide Peninsula opposite King William Island. The significance of this discovery is that the relics were found on the route that the survivors would have taken to reach Back's Fish River. This river is now called Back River after its discoverer, Captain George Back, R.N., Mr. Norberg, who, retiring from trading, turned these relics over to Mr. John F. Moran, Inspector of the North West Territories.

The Yukon Branch of the Department of the Interior, when he was at Alaska last summer and for him they were brought to Ottawa and they are now in the hands of the museum. The story is similar to that told by the Royal Navy in Franklin's time, and being confirmed by climatologists, is that of a young white man in his early twenties.

Other indications point to this part of the coast as being the place where the survivors would have last attempt to reach safety. Mr. W. H. H. Howe, who explored the country south of the Yukon in 1912, and was in the area of the same branch of the Department of the Interior found a wooden bowl similar to that used in the naval service many years ago. Although it was found in a place where, apparently, no white man had ever been before, it was every reason to believe that it was from one of the Franklin ships and carried there by Eskimos.

Major L. T. Murray, also an explorer in the North West Territories and Yukon Branch of the Department of the Interior, says the winter of 1924 he explored King William Island and investigated, so far as possible, the story current among the natives there that a large ship had submerged under the ice and melted on coming near to the coast of Matuy Island. This information was corroborated from five different sources all of which agreed in detail, but as the sea was frozen he was not able to do more than to know the location. That he knew, however, is confirmed by the known facts as to the place where the ships were abandoned, and the fact that the natives, according to reports of natives the ship was driven over a reef and broken in two, and it can be seen clearly when the ice goes out in the short Arctic summer. Major Murray was not able to form an opinion as to which of the two ships it might be. He secured a number of relics in the form of scraps of brass and iron; a piece of malachite, apparently part of a quarter-deck railing; a wooden bowl, similar to the one found by Mr. Howe; etc. etc. He concluded from the amount of iron being used by the natives for spear and arrow heads that a large quantity of European goods, particularly castles

Market For Canadian Horses

Russian Government Ready to Purchase 50,000 if Available

Stressing that Russia is offering a market for horses from the Canadian ranches, Jack Hyers, western livestock representative of the department of agriculture, stated that the last shipment of 1,000 horses to Leningrad and Moscow, has returned to the west.

The Russian government, Mr. Hyers stated, was the market for upwards of 50,000 horses to replace the animals lost in the war. The great famine in that country, he expects that several thousand head will be purchased from Western Canadian ranches next spring. Canadian horses, he said, are particularly suitable for the needs of the Russian farmers, and are eagerly sought after by the different communities. The shipment during the past summer went out over Canadian Pacific lines to Montreal and thence by steamer to Russia.

Russia, Mr. Hyers believes, offers a considerable market for Canadian products, as well as Canadian livestock.

Wanted Length First

John had become the proud owner of a new car, and he was excited about it. "I don't want to take him yet," answered by young Stephen. "I will wait until he gets as low as a year, then I'll give him to you."

Slipshod—"It can strongly recommend this film, mate; it's well suited."

Young Willie—"Oh, don't give it."

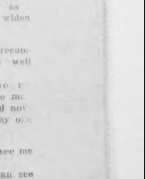
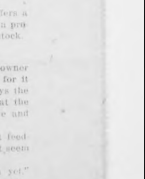
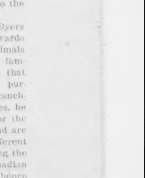
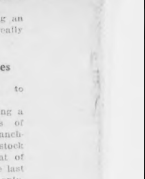
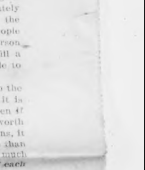
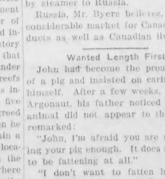
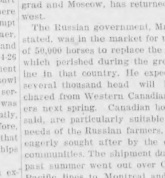
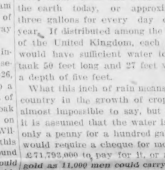
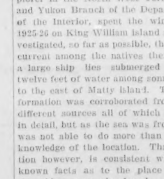
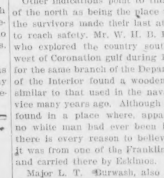
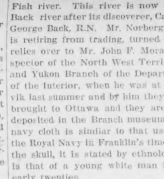
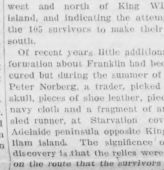
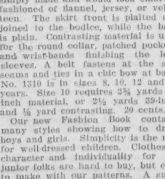
John—"He had had anything the matter with it, even if it is cured now. Let me have a perfect, healthy one please."

Pat Lady—"Oggers, can you see me across the street?"

Older—"Begorra, why can't you see you a mile away?"

DOMINION CHAMPIONS

Bernie Pritchard and Robert Mott, Roland, Manitoba, winners of the trophy offered by W. D. Hobb, vice president, Canadian National Railway, for the championship of Boys' and Girls' Swine Clubs. These two boys, who were champions throughout the Saskatchewan and Alberta, journeyed to the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto as guests of the National society, to compete against teams from Ontario, Canada. More than 200 boys' and girls' swine clubs, averaging 20 members each, throughout Canada, were registered in preliminary competitions for the trophy. The Canadian National Railway have cooperated with Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture throughout the Dominion in the organizing of these clubs and as a result both the quantity and quality of bacon type swine have shown rapid increase in the past few years.





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About Town and Country

Miss Winnifred Cavell, terminated her association as nurse in charge of Oyen Hospital to-day and leaves to-night for Calgary where she will be married on December 30, to Mr. W. L. Irvine, school principal, of Oyen.

Mr. Charles Tuel, who has been in hospital for some time, is reported as not quite so well, at the time of going to press.

Mr. J. T. Smith left last week for Prince Rupert and other coast points. Travelling the "National" way, Mr. Smith will spend the winter months in B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kerr left yesterday morning for Edmonton, en route to Victoria, B.C., where they will spend the winter.

Helen Corcoran was discharged from Oyen Hospital to-day, having made an excellent recovery.

Mr. M. Taggart left for Toronto last Sunday.

Mr. Wong Quong Gin, more familiarly known locally as "Drumheller," who left Oyen about two weeks ago, sailed from Vancouver on Thursday last for the Orient.

Albert Oyen, who was discharged from Oyen Hospital on Monday, after an uneventful convalescence, is now spending the holiday season at his father's farm.

Miss Glennell Colwell is leaving to-night for Dalemead, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Jack Aylesworth arrived in town to-day from the "Valley" and will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mr. J. Taylor left last Friday for Exeter, Ont., where he will visit relatives.

Mr. Edgar Dial is spending the holidays with his sister and father.

Mr. W. L. Irvine, principal of Oyen School, leaves to-night for Calgary, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNally and children, left last Friday for Claremont, Ont., where they will visit friends and relatives.

Rev. F. S. Smith will conduct service in All Saints Church on Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock. As Rev. Smith is making a special trip to conduct this service, it is hoped that there will be a large congregation.

Christmas tree and carols, under auspices of United Church, in Oyen Theatre to-night.

School closed to-day for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Mr. S. S. Hedden left last week for Ontario, where he will spend the winter months.

Mrs. J. C. Desco left last Saturday for Edmonton, where she will spend Christmas and New Year holidays, with Mr. and Mrs. H. Hancock.

Carl Myers who was operated upon recently in Oyen Hospital, is reported as doing well.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sader, of Excel, on December 20, a son.

Personnel of Ladies Rinks

Mrs. J. A. Willis, Miss Ferguson, Miss B. Holt and Mrs. J. Lees, sk.

Mrs. J. Gripp, Miss J. Morrell, Mrs. A. Gibson and Mrs. A. Wade, sk.

Mrs. B. F. VanHorne, Mrs. S. Trowin, Miss W. Love and Mrs. A. Johnson, sk.

Mrs. F. Goldsmith, Miss M. May, Mrs. Langmuir and Mrs. Whitlock, sk.

Miss Josie Ozust, Miss G. Wade, Miss Thekla Dial and Mrs. Hans Peterson, sk.

Miss T. Robinson, Miss Catherine Wright, Mrs. R. McLaren and Mrs. F. Lees, sk.

Mrs. Holt, substitute.

Dollar Down, Dollar a Week!

A friend of mine bought a gramophone, for a dollar down and a dollar a week. This is the easiest graft I've known—This dollar down and a dollar a week. So he bought a chair and a fountain pen, a runabout car and a stove and then a set of the "Lives of Our Famous Men," for a dollar down and a dollar a week.

Then he bought two brand new radio sets, for a dollar down and a dollar a week, and a dozen cartons of cigarettes, for a dollar down and a dollar a week, then he bought a ring that was fair to see for the lily white hand of his bride to be; and after the wedding the minister's fee was a dollar down and a dollar a week.

Then he bought a house for his family at a dollar down and a dollar a week, and when they got sick the doctors fee, was a dollar down and a dollar a week, then said his wife, "I must be free; these weekly payments are ruining me!" So she got a divorce and the alimonies was a dollar down and a dollar a week.

Auction Sale

Favored by instructions from

Mr. Thomas Thompson

I will offer at public auction the contents of his six roomed house, (see list) on the ground floor of

Masonic Building, Oyen
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